

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 4 and 7-12 have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) Pearl lustre pigment according to ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that the material of high refractive index is  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$  or a mixture of these oxides or an iron titanate, an iron oxide hydrate, a titanium suboxide or a mixture and/or mixed phase of these compounds.
7. (Amended) Process according to ~~at least one of Claims 5 and 6~~, characterized in that the precursor is titanium tetrachloride.
8. (Amended) Process according to ~~at least one of Claims 5 to 7~~, characterized in that following drying of the material to be coated the layers are applied in a fluidized-bed reactor by CVD and/or PVD.
9. (Amended) Use of the pigments according to ~~Claims 1 to 4~~ for pigmenting paints, printing inks, plastics cosmetics, glazes for ceramics, and glasses.
10. (Amended) Use of the pigments according to ~~Claims 1 to 4~~ for the security sector, especially for printing items of value and of security, for agricultural films and for the laser marking of plastics.
11. (Amended) Paints, printing inks, plastics, cosmetics, ceramics, glasses and polymer films pigmented with a pigment according to ~~Claims 1 to 4~~.
12. (Amended) Laser-markable plastics comprising pigments according to ~~Claims 1 to 4~~.